

Elmira Road & Maple Street Improvements

Public Meeting #3
Meeting Report
December 4, 2007

Meeting Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Meeting Location: Fairfield Baptist Church, 3991 Elmira Road, Eugene
Facilitator: Emily Proudfoot
Other City staff present: Rob Inerfeld, David Roth, Joe Ramirez, Lindsay Selser

Background

City of Eugene Transportation Planning staff hosted the third neighborhood meeting to discuss planned street improvements to Elmira Road and Maple Street. The project as described in City planning documents calls for improving **Elmira** from Bertelsen to Maple and **Maple** from Elmira to Roosevelt to the standard for a Neighborhood collector class street. This standard addresses a larger volume of traffic and generally more types of uses. Elmira Road from Maple to Highway 99 could be improved to a Local Street standard if property owners who would bear the cost support the improvement. A poll has been initiated to see if the property owners are in support of the improvement and will go out in mid-January.

A group of Maple Street neighbors met with City staff before the entire Elmira Rd/Maple St group gathered. They were meeting to discuss issues specific to Maple Street, especially the intersection of Maple and Roosevelt. Concerns were voiced by the neighbors about the safety and efficiency of the intersection. City staff shared with the group the results of a recent study on the intersection and gave their opinions on what options might be utilized to increase both safety and efficiency at the intersection.

The larger combined meeting for residents of both Elmira Road and Maple Street included a review of process, comments and questions received to date, a review and question and answer session regarding the City's assessment policies and financing, and a chance to view the plans for the project and give feedback on those. The main goal for the meeting was to obtain feedback specific to the residents or owner's homes and property so as to be able to move forward with the design process.

Advertisement

Advertisement for the third meeting included the following:

- A postcard invitation was mailed on November, 20th to approximately 1500 residents in the area surrounding Elmira Road and Maple Street
- Personal invitations were mailed to other interested parties and stakeholders
- Maple Street residents were contacted personally with the help of one resident to attend a special meeting specific to the Maple Street improvements

Presentation, Emily Proudfoot

Emily Proudfoot, Landscape Architect for the City of Eugene, gave a presentation that started by reviewing the process to date, comments received to date and the assessment process. An explanation of the City's street design criteria and exceptions was given and discussed. The initial street designs were unveiled and explained and this included a brief Traffic Calming 101 session. The designs were then put up on the wall and meeting participants were encouraged

to gather around the two different options and ask questions of City Staff and post comments directly on the plans. A personal comment form was also distributed at the meeting at participants were asked to fill it out at the meeting or mail it to the Transportation Planning office.

Comments

Comments and questions were recorded throughout the entire meeting and a summary is listed below. All of the individual comments placed on the plans have been recorded and noted as well as the personal comment forms that were collected at the meeting. The personal comment forms that have been sent into the Transportation Planning office have also been noted and recorded. We have created a document that links the personal comments with the property they are associated with as to make sure the home owner's wishes are known.

Assessment Comments

- There were many and varied questions about the assessment process.
 - How is access determined?
 - Flag lots
- There were many questions on specific finance related issues.
 - Interest rates
 - Payment plans/deferrals etc.
 - Revocable permits

Design Comments

- Can prop owner do their own driveway/sidewalk work?
- Bus pullouts
- Sidewalks on both sides? Sidewalks at all (especially on Maple)?
- Why do we suggest setback sidewalks?
- How much will parking bays cost per foot?
- Will sidewalks closer to houses affect property crimes?
- Lighting important to help discourage prop crimes
- Many have concerns with the planting strips

Others

- History of Maple as a NC
- What are existing speeds?
- What are the traffic counts?
- What is our communications plan, especially for the bi-lingual community?

Forseable issues on Maple

- Sidewalk/bike paths (one side or both)
- Planting strips
- Driveway apron issue (idea spearheaded by Ronzie)
- Street lighting

Preferred Design Option

- Option A is the preferred design through the comments given thus far.

Option A
7

Option B
3

Either **Neither**
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Next steps for the Elmira/Maple project include:

Meeting #4, February

- Newsletters will be sent out mid-January to all assessable households.
- Open House with refined design proposals for moving forward
- Opportunity for neighborhood feedback and discussion
- Estimated expenses will be available and questions answered

Additional information will be made available on the project website at www.eugene-or.gov/pwprojects.